

REMARKS:

- 1) The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 4, 2007 asserts that the Response filed on October 19, 2006 was non-compliant with respect to the amendment of the abstract, because it was not presented on a separate sheet. That assertion is respectfully traversed. The amendment of the abstract was presented by itself on a separate sheet (page 3) of the prior Response. That page included the required instructions of how to carry out the amendment, namely *"an instruction, which unambiguously identifies the location, to delete one or more paragraphs"* and *"an instruction, which unambiguously identifies the location, ... to add one or more paragraphs"*, as well as the required *"full text of any added paragraphs without any underlining"*. These items are expressly required as mandatory elements of any amendment of the specification (including the abstract) other than the claims. 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i) and (iii). Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment was in compliance with the rules and the law.
- 2) In a telefax on January 12, 2007 replying to the undersigned attorney's telephone call, the Examiner has provided further information as to the desired format for the amended abstract. The Examiner's advice for compliance is appreciated, and this Response is being filed in conformance therewith. Particularly, the Examiner indicated that no other text other than the clean text of the new abstract paragraph shall appear on the pertinent page of the Response, e.g. the Examiner indicated that even the

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instruction to delete the former paragraphs and the instruction to add the new paragraph shall not be set forth on the page with the new abstract text.

- 3) The present Response is being submitted in compliance with the requirements set forth by the Examiner, as a supplement of the Response filed on October 19, 2006. Entry of the prior Response and the present supplemental Response are respectfully requested.
- 4) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1, 2 and 15 to 26, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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